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[This work is an extremely thorough presentation of the data gathered by the author during three field trips, enhanced by his numerous and extensive quotes from and critical commentaries on previous writings. The author apparently established close rapport with the Yahgan, which is

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reflected by his role as a participant observer in the čiéxaus (youth ceremony) and kina (men's society) celebrations. The sections which have been translated treat the economic, social and spiritual aspects of the culture; the researcher is referred to the table of contents for an indication of the full scope of the subject matter. The sections which have not been translated for the files deal primarily with the natural environment, a discussion of earlier authors and their works, a history of contact with Westerners, and a recounting of several myths. The author is currently a member of the faculty of the Catholic University of America. --Analyst]

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2: Cooper, John M. The Yahgan. Bureau of American Ethnology, Bulletin 143, Vol. 1, pages 81-106, plates 33-36. Washington: Smithsonian Institution, 1946.

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[This article presents a summary of information on the Yahgan, drawn from other works which are evaluated by the author. It is an excellent introduction to the Yahgan culture but, like other sections of the Handbook of South American Indians, it is secondary material and not a substitute for the original writings. Various citations in this article refer to the complete bibliography at the end of the volume, which has not been processed for the files. --Analyst]

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3: Lothrop, Samuel K. The Indians of Tierra del Fuego. New York: Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation, 1928.

Pp. 244; 19 photographic plates, 105 text figures, including 6 maps; 6 tables; vocabulary; preface; bibliography; index; notes on anthropometry by E. A. Hooton.

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[The section omitted pertains to the Ona and Haush (SH4). The introduction presents general information on the natural environment of Tierra del Fuego as a whole, with notes on the history and bibliography of the area and data on the culture status and physical type of the Fuegians. The section particularly pertinent to the Yahgans, titled "The Canoe Indians," includes a general survey of the culture with emphasis on its material and technological aspects. The final section again treats the Fuegian Indians generally, presenting an historical reconstruction of their origins and a comparison of their cultural status with that of the primitive Europeans, Seri, and Eskimo.

3: Lothrop, Samuel K.

This work may be considered as a complement to that of Gusinde. --Analyst]

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